

COL (Retired) ROBERT K. CARL

UNITED STATES ARMY

Colonel Robert K. Carl (US Army, Retired) was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. He was commissioned in the Air Defense Artillery from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1984.

Colonel Carl began his service as a Redeye Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with the 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In June 1988, he was an Assistant Operations Officer in 2nd Battalion (Patriot), 43rd Air Defense Artillery in Hanau, Germany. In January 1990 he served as a Battery Commander in 5th Battalion (Vulcan/Stinger), 62nd Air Defense Artillery in Fort Bliss, Texas during which time the unit deployed in support of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. In May of 1993 he was a Company Tactical Officer with the United States Corps of Cadets at West Point. From 1997-1999 he served as the Executive Officer in the 1st Battalion (Avenger), 2nd Air Defense Artillery and the Operations Officer for the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. In 1999, while serving at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, he was a Joint Exercise Planner in the J37 and Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of US Space Command. Upon return to Fort Bliss in July of 2001, then-LTC Carl assumed duties as the Chief of the Commanding General's Initiatives Group before taking command of the 1st Battalion (Patriot), 1st Air Defense Artillery during which time the battalion deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. After command, he served as the Chief of the newly formed Leadership Division for the Air Defense Artillery School and Branch before heading to the Army War College. Colonel Carl's final assignment on Active Duty was as the Director of Training, Doctrine, and Leader Development for the Air Defense Artillery School and Branch from 2006-2009. Today he continues to serve as the Special Assistant to the Commandant of Cadets at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Colonel Carl is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Strategic Mobility Planners Course, the Space Operations Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He received a Master of Arts in Leadership Development from West Point, a Master of Science in Education from Long Island University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College and is currently working on his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of New England.

Colonel Carl's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Saudi Liberation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on

Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, and the Valorous Unit Award. Colonel Carl earned the Parachutist Badge and the German Proficiency Badge – Gold.

He and his wife Michi reside in Cornwall, New York and have four children: Marissa, Danika, Hunter, and Chaise. Marissa is married to a Texas Tech ROTC graduate who is serving in Alaska with the 25th Infantry Division and Hunter is a Penn State ROTC graduate who is serving at Fort Bliss with the 3rd Battalion (Patriot), 43rd Air Defense Artillery.